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Ex-city planner: Middle-income families need housing support

REAL ESTATE

Market is very rough on those with children earning $50-80K

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

A former Vancouver city planner says housing in the region is so unaffordable that governments and developers need to get creative in order to help middle-income families find homes.

People who make between $50,000 to $80,000 are in the awkward spot where they are not eligible for government-assisted housing but they also don't have the kind of wealth needed to buy suitable homes, especially if they want to start a family, said Larry Beasley, now a professor at UBC's school of urban planning.

He wants governments to get involved.

"The issue has gone from being just a worry, to being one of those crises that hasn't really reached the consciousness of the leadership of our part of the world as much as it should," he said.

Building secure middle-income housing doesn't necessarily mean government funding, Beasley emphasized. It could also come in the form of bonuses or incentives, something the City of Vancouver already does to encourage developers to build social housing.

Beasley wants to see provincial or local governments set up a round table of experts to explore ways to better support middle-income households. His own ideas — inspired by policies in Rotterdam and Madrid — include designating some housing as 'no-profit' units, where their sale price remains the same no matter what the housing market looks like, and creating non-profit housing development organizations.

One non-profit that is already doing that kind of work in B.C. says there is a lot of opportunity to develop affordable housing without relying on government subsidies.

"There are definitely more and more organizations and individuals looking at it, because we're all trying to be more creative as to how we solve this unaffordable housing issue that we have," said Robert Brown, founder of the non-profit development organization, Catalyst Community Developments.

The organization's main objective is to provide affordable housing to households with annual incomes of $25,000 to $65,000 — the middle-income group Beasley says needs support.

Vancouver-based Catalyst plays the role of the developer and operates the housing after it is built but is not obliged to charge market-rate rents because it doesn't keep any of the profit it makes.

"If we do make any revenue from the project, it simply gets reinvested in either making that project more affordable or to create another affordable housing project," said Brown.

Rent for many Catalyst units is 10 to 15 per cent lower than market rate, according to Brown, allowing the project to both be financially feasible for the developer and affordable for residents.

Catalyst recently completed a housing project in South Surrey in partnership with the Semiahmoo House Society and will start construction on a development on land owned by the Oakridge Lutheran Church this summer.

Catalyst Community Developments is a non-profit development organization that is building this mixed-use project with affordable housing in partnership with the Oakridge Lutheran Church. COURTESY FRANCL ARCHITECTURE

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Transit funding still in flux despite fed money

INFRASTRUCTURE

Surrey mayor frustrated province wont match LRT cash

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Edmonton

British Columbia's unwillingness to match federal funds for Metro Vancouver transit projects marred an otherwise celebratory budget day for Surrey Mayor Linda Hepner.

Hepner hailed Ottawa's commitment to invest $20.1 billion over 11 years for public transit projects (an estimated $2.2 billion for the Lower Mainland) as "the biggest federal investment in at least 20 years."

But the sheen wore off slightly after British Columbia Finance Minister Mike De Jong rejected the region's call for the province to match that funding for light rail lines in Surrey, the Vancouver Broadway subway and Pattullo Bridge replacement.

"All in all, if I heard today that the province was taking under advisement how they would deal with [matching funds] and they were going to think about it, I would be happy," she said. "As opposed to a fairly quick, 'We're not changing our mind' … that falls flat."

Surrey Mayor Linda Hepner frustrated province won't match federal contributions for LRT line, Vancouver subway and Pattullo Bridge replacement. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Hepner wants funding for the long-awaited LRT lines in Surrey to be sorted by the end of the year so procurement and pre-construction can begin in 2018.

De Jong told media the province has no interest funding more than the 33 per cent it has already committed to those projects, part of Phase Two of the region's 10-year transit plan, and thinks that's enough to for the projects to now move ahead.

"There shouldn't be any doubt, the province has repeatedly indicated that we are on board with our share — one third, 33 per cent — of the funding," he told media. "So it would strike me that the pieces are falling into place and we're hopeful that now we can get beyond merely talking about it and getting on with building some expanded transit capacity."

Metro Vancouver transit funding is already shaping up to be a major issue in the May 9 provincial election. If elected, NDP leader John Horgan indicated Wednesday his party would pick up the slack. "I've already committed to boosting the province's share in transit infrastructure from Christy Clark's 33 per cent to 40 per cent," he said in a statement Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Hepner, who promised LRT in Surrey by 2018 when elected three year ago, just wants to get on with it.

"We just cannot continue to be the second-largest city in the province and not be connected," she said.

"I've been harping on it because we can't grow at the rate we're growing and provide the quality of life people expect without being connected. We will continue, as the Mayors' Council, to be asking for at least matching, dollar-for-dollar, the federal commitment."

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Measures were put in place to help stimulate Canada's economy and in 2018 a performance assessment of spending investments needs to happen. There must be a commitment to return to a balanced budget system eventually.

Anita Huberman

FUNDING

Housing strategy is a big deal, say B.C. experts

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

At first glance, the money earmarked for a new national housing strategy in the federal budget seems underwhelming: $1 billion a year over the next 11 years (by comparison, B.C.'s provincial government spent $500 million on affordable housing projects in 2016 alone).

But housing experts in British Columbia say the long-term funding commitment from the federal government and the language in the budget is very significant, especially following the decades-long gap left when the federal government stepped away from affordable housing completely in the early 1990s.

"If you look at other governments and how they presented that over the past several decades, the language they were using was mainly they wanted to support or encourage home ownership but that was about it," said Penny Gurstein, director of the University of British Columbia's School of Community and Regional Planning.

In contrast, the budget emphasizes the need for social housing targeted toward aboriginal communities, the elderly and people with disabilities. It also commits federal government participation in a strategy to reduce homelessness.

In addition to the $11.2-billion funding commitment, government is committing to partner with provinces and territories on affordable housing; invest $5 billion over 11 years into a new housing fund to be administered by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; make more federal land available for affordable housing; and fund better housing statistics, including foreign ownership, through Statistics Canada.

"In addition to the money they've put there to start building affordable housing, they've also created some lending vehicles that we hope to see up and running as soon as possible," said Kishone Roy, executive director of the BC Non-Profit Housing Association. "One of the problems we're having is finding the upfront capital."

The new direction also breaks the deadlock that was previously in place, where municipalities said they couldn't do anything without the province and the province in turn said it couldn't do much without the involvement of the federal government, Gurstein said.

But one thing both Roy and Gurstein agree is missing from the budget is a tax credit program or other mechanism designed to encourage private developers to build market-rental housing. That's something that's badly needed across Canada: as condominiums became more popular starting in the 1980s, new rental buildings have not been built in significant numbers for decades.

Advocates welcome the federal government's return to social housing after a long absence. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Roy said he and other organizations in B.C. will continue to advocate for such a program to the federal Liberals. Housing groups are also looking for a long-term plan from the B.C. government, he added.

"The amount of money that's in (the budget) will be sufficient in a lot of Canadian communities, but I think in B.C. the situation is so far worse that it's going to take other mechanisms," Roy said.

The federal government will spend approximately $23,000 per person age 65-plus this year, over $9,000 per person age 45 to 64, and approximately $5,500 per Canadian under age 45 … Ottawa found an additional $720 for every Canadian age 65-plus in the 2017 budget; but only $88 per person under age 45.

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Trophy hunter donation under fire from critics

WILDLIFE

NDP says money talks under Clark, wants to end bear hunt

Jen St. Denis
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A Facebook photo showing an American big game hunting group offering a $60,000 novelty cheque is just more evidence that in B.C. politics, money talks, says an NDP critic.

"It's one more example that Christy Clark's campaign, whether directly or indirectly, is funded by big money — in this case by foreign donors who are willing to buy and pay for the continued trophy hunt of grizzly bears," said George Heyman, NDP MLA for Vancouver-Fairview.

The $60,000 cheque was donated to the Guide Outfitters Association of B.C.

The photo came to the attention of Kai Nagata, communications director of the Dogwood Initiative. The caption on the photo, posted by Safari Club International's Canada chapter, reads: the "NDP have vowed to end the grizzly hunt in B.C. if elected. SFI chapters from Canada and the U.S. banded together, donating $60,000. Together working with the Guide Outfitters Association of B.C. to prevent the NDP getting elected and ending the hunt."

The photo has since been removed, but Nagata provided a screenshot to Metro.

Following their election in 2001, the BC Liberals reinstated the province's grizzly bear hunt, which the BC NDP had stopped. Citing polls that show wide public support to end the hunt, the NDP have promised to end the grizzly bear trophy hunt if elected in May. The party says it would allow grizzly bear hunting for food.

A grizzly bear fishes along a river in Tweedsmuir Provincial Park near Bella Coola. The NDP is keen to end the hunting of the bears for sport. THE CANADIAN PRESS/JONATHAN HAYWARD

Dogwood is a non-profit that lobbies on environmental issues. Nagata explained the photo had come to his attention from B.C. hunters he knows who hunt for food.

"This is really uncomfortable and upsetting for 95 per cent of the food hunters in B.C. because this is the kind of stuff that gives hunting and conservation a bad name," Nagata said. "There are lots of B.C. resident hunters who go out and harvest animals to feed their family who are really put off at what the international trophy hunting lobby is doing."

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Under B.C.'s current political donation rules, it's perfectly legal for organizations, companies and unions to donate unlimited amounts to political parties. Foreign entities are also allowed to donate. B.C. has much laxer donation rules than many other jurisdictions and the anything-goes system has increasingly come under fire as the provincial election nears.

Earlier this month, the RCMP opened an investigation into allegations that some lobbyists had been reimbursed for personal donations by clients they represented — a practice that is against the law.

"If you total it up, it's significant money given that there's nobody donating from the opposite side to try to balance it out," Nagata said of political donations from the Guide Outfitters Association of B.C. and its members.

"You have a fairly well-organized trophy hunting lobby that has always had money to attend fundraisers and golf tournaments and donate to political parties. It just wasn't clear to me where all that money was coming from and this is a clue."

The Guide Outfitters Association of B.C. did not respond to a request for comment by press time.

COURT

Justice system slammed by judge

A dose of "shock therapy" is needed to reform Canada's justice system, which is failing to meet the legal needs of everyday people, British Columbia's top judge says.

Chief Justice Robert Bauman said Wednesday that while the core of the country's legal system is worth preserving, dramatic action is needed to address entrenched problems, from timely access to criminal justice to the cost of legal advice and the challenges around self-representation.

Access to justice goes beyond ensuring people get their day in court, and includes understanding your rights, knowing how to navigate the system and recognizing when you have a legal need in the first place, he said in an interview.

"Part of the challenge is, is my institution viable?" asked Bauman, who was appointed chief justice in 2013 after serving as head of the B.C. Supreme Court. "Are we really, apart from government and wealthy individuals and corporations, able to resolve disputes for most people? Are they able to get to us?

> Part of the challenge is, is my institution viable? Justice Robert Bauman

"We've got to shake the foundations enough to question those usual assumptions and be open to changing them from the ground up."

Talk of reform has been gaining traction in recent years, culminating with last year's landmark decision from the Supreme Court of Canada that set time limits on bringing someone accused of a crime to trial. The ruling pointed to a "culture of complacency" and highlighted the need for efforts from everyone in the justice system to speed up the legal process.

"It got our attention," Bauman said about the ruling.

"We're not the donkey and it's not the two-by-four, but it's necessary to get the attention of the players and to bring home to them the significance of the underlying problems."

A society that values the rule of law as a bedrock of democracy but has so many people with unmet legal needs is not sustainable, he added.

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British Columbia's shellfish industry is reeling from the impact of a mysterious norovirus that has forced the closure of seven coastal oyster farms, causing others to curtail operations and made hundreds of Canadians sick.

Stephen Pocock says his Vancouver Island shellfish company is feeling the pain of the ongoing outbreak even though his oysters have tested negative for norovirus.

"We have stopped shipping," he said in an interview Wednesday. "We haven't shipped since the 19th of January because we're not confident we can ship without getting entangled in a lot of extra paperwork."

The Public Health Agency of Canada reported earlier this month that no deaths have been reported as a result of the norovirus outbreak, but cited 201 cases in B.C., 40 in Alberta and 48 in Ontario from December to February.

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Canadians not sold on M-103

ISLAMOPHOBIA

Only 12 per cent believe motion would be effective

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

The anti-Islamophobia motion M-103 in the House of Commons would not pass if regular Canadians voted on the issue and only one in 10 believe the motion would be effective, according to a new Angus Reid Institute poll.

M-103 condemns "Islamophobia and all forms of systemic racism and religious discrimination" and while the majority of Canadians believe the Quebec mosque shooting in January are a sign of deeper anti-Muslim sentiment, many are cynical that the motion would help.

About 42 per cent of poll participants said they would vote against the motion, 29 per cent said they vote for it, and 29 per cent responded 'not sure' or that they would abstain.

The lack of consensus speaks to how nuanced the issue of fighting racism can be, said Shachi Kurl, executive director of Angus Reid Institute.

"This continues to demonstrate a narrative that Canadians are divided around issues of acceptance, discrimination, and the best way to handle discrimination," she said.

"You don't see much unity around what to do or how to react to it."

The city of Victoria and the Muslim community held a vigil to honour the victims of the Quebec City mosque shooting. According to a recent poll the majority of Canadians believe the shooting was a sign of "deeper problems". CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

But there is cynicism even among those who would vote in favour of the motion, according to the poll — only 12 per cent of respondents said the motion is worth passing and be effective.

One factor to keep in mind is the motion is not binding, Kurl pointed out.

"This is a motion as opposed to a bill and I think there is not only a level of scepticism but also a lack of consensus whether or not this is the right way to go about condemning and trying to minimize anti-Muslim sentiment."

But the majority of Canadians do appear to agree that something needs to be done about anti-Islamophobia in the country.

Two thirds believe the Quebec mosque shooting is "a sign of deeper problems," according to the poll.

SUPREME COURT

Man hopes test clears him of murders

A British Columbia man who has spent nearly 25 years in prison for the first-degree murders of his wife and twin baby boys believes modern DNA testing could clear his name.

Dean Roberts has filed a petition in B.C. Supreme Court asking it to order that exhibits from his original trial be tested with the prospect of gathering evidence that could lead to a ministerial review of his conviction.

The petition says only some of the evidence was tested after Susan Roberts and the couple's 13-month-old twins were murdered in Cranbrook in July 1994, and the only DNA recovered from Susan Roberts' fingernail clippings did not match her husband.

Items requested for updated DNA tests include ropes taken from the necks of two of the victims, hair and fibre samples found on one of the boys and a cigarette butt also found near the baby.

The petition says Roberts has asked for the exhibits and evidence from the Crown, but was refused, which it claims is a violation of his charter rights.

Roberts lost an appeal of his B.C. Supreme Court convictions in 1997 and his petition says he intends to seek a ministerial review of his case, but requires new evidence in order to proceed.

He is serving a minimum 25-year prison term for the three murders and the attempted murder of a third child.

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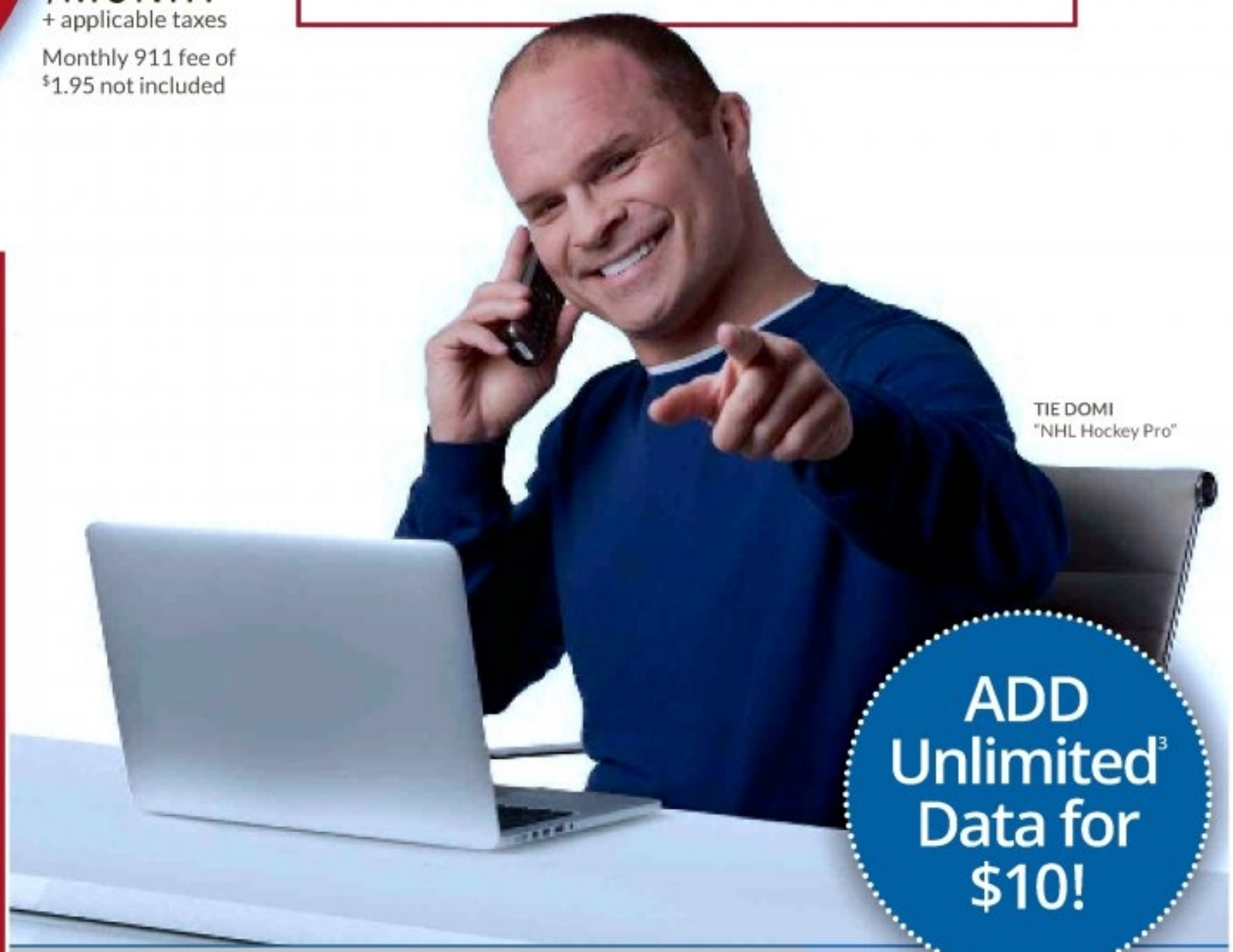

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5 Things worth taking note of in the budget

The 2017 federal budget has money for transit and affordable housing and is the first-ever budget to be considered through a gender-based prism.

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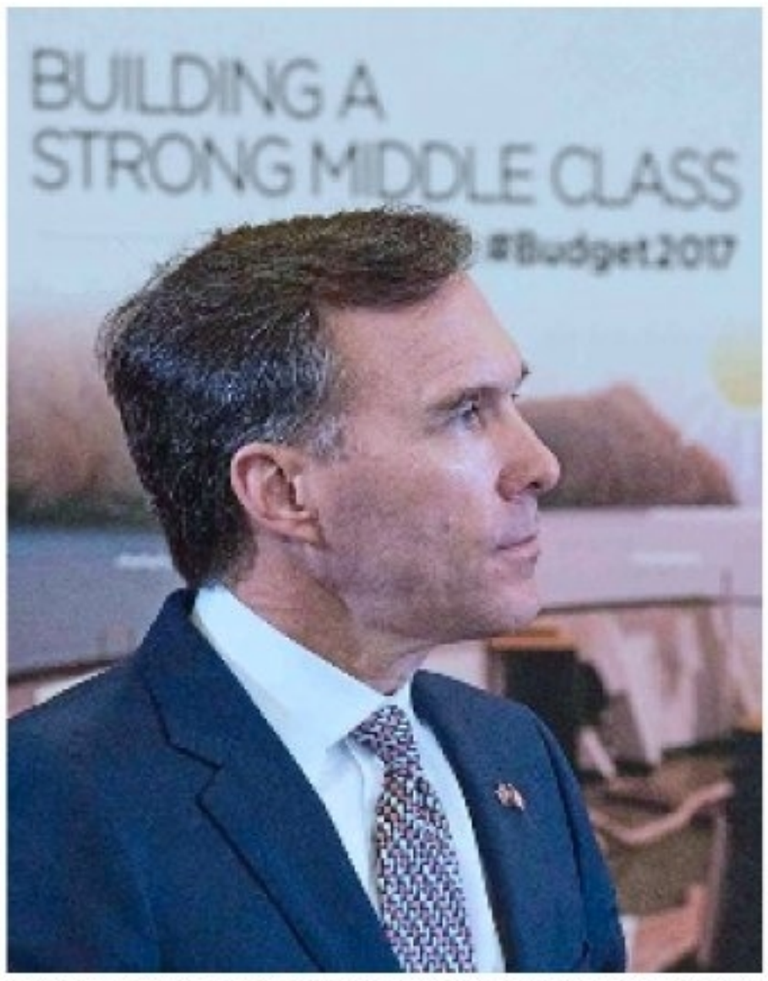

Minister of Finance Bill Morneau speaks during a press conference before tabling the budget in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

1 Gender equality

In what was billed as a historic first, the Liberal government says the entire 2017 federal budget was considered through a gender-based prism, with specific investments framed to promote equality and bring more women into the workforce. Speaking to Parliament on Wednesday, Finance Minister Bill Morneau said all measures in the new budget were assessed based on their impact on women. The "Gender Statement" in the 2017 budget outlines the persisting wage gap between men and women in Canada, as well as the over-representation of women in lower-income sectors and the low proportion of women in management and boardroom positions.

2 Transit

The government will spend $20.6 billion over the next 11 years on public transit projects across the country. The Liberals are prepared to cover up to 40 per cent of new subways and light rail lines. The number rises to 50 per cent for repair or rehabilitation projects, but the government is capping the amount that can be spent on rehabilitation, favouring the construction of new projects. As cities had asked, there will be no application process, with money flowing based on an agreed upon formula that will prioritize cities that already have large transit ridership.

3 Housing

The government is investing $11.2 billion over 11 years on affordable housing. The money won't start flowing until after the 2019 election, even as cities across the country are closing subsidized housing units and have people on long wait lists. The funding will go to the provinces to build new units and repair existing ones, as well as a new national housing fund that will provide low-cost loans for more housing units and help keep current rent-geared-to-income units open. The government is also pledging to open up more federal land at little or no cost for affordable housing.

4 Child care

The budget includes $7 billion over the next decade to increase access to affordable child care as well as the option to begin maternity leave earlier or extend parental leave to 18 months. The details outlined estimated that child care spending could create 40,000 new, subsidized daycare spaces countrywide over the next three years.

5 Ethics training for judges

The federal government will invest additional $2.7 million over five years, plus $500,000 annually afterwards, for the Canadian Judicial Council to support training on ethics and conduct for federally appointed judges, while also ensuring access to professional development that is gender and culturally sensitive.

Transit riders are losing their tax breaks

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

The Liberal government is eliminating the tax credit allowing Canadians to deduct part of the cost of monthly transit passes.

The 15 per cent non-refundable tax credit has been in place since 2006.

"We will eliminate inefficient tax measures, especially those that disproportionately benefit the wealthy," finance minister Bill Morneau said in his speech in the Commons.

While the public transit credit does not disproportionately impact the wealthy, Morneau said it wasn't working.

"We set on a course to make sure our tax system was fair and that our tax system was efficient," he said. "We found that it was not doing what it was intended to do."

Riders will be able to deduct passes this year up until June, but after that the credit will end.

Morneau said the government was investing in building more public transit, which would ultimately do a better job of growing ridership.

Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson, chair of the Big City Mayor's Caucus, said that tax credit amounting to $5 or $10 a month is not going to make or break a person's decision to take transit. But NDP leader Tom Mulcair countered back, saying that it's a mistake to look at the credit only as an incentive to take transit; it's also a social good.

According to the government, removing the credit will save just over $1 billion over the next five years.

The latest figures show about 1.8 million Canadians claim the credit annually, but only about 1.3 million people actually make enough money for the credit to reduce their taxes.

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Brussels marks a year since tragedy

ANNIVERSARY

City trying to forge ahead after last year's deadly bombings

As the chaos in London, U.K. ensued, the city of Brussels, Belgium was marking the one-year anniversary of a day in which three bombers killed 32 people and wounded more than 300 in the Brussels airport and subway.

A year later, the pain is still there. However, residents and authorities are determined to forge ahead, without changing the character of their city.

"It's the responsibility of each and every one of us to make our society more humane, and more just," King Philippe told a remembrance service as a new monument was unveiled to the victims in the Belgian capital's European quarter.

> **It's the responsibility of each and every one of us to make our society more humane.**
> King Philippe

"Above all, let us dare to be tender," he said.

The fear of an attack is widely shared across Europe, underlined at Britain's parliament Wednesday as an attacker stabbed an officer and was then shot by police, and witnesses said a vehicle struck several people on the nearby bridge.

Even if locals in Brussels are mostly oblivious to heavily armed paratroopers patrolling the city's landmarks, visitors still stop in their tracks when they notice the camouflage dress and the machine-guns.

Normality is still far off.

Before the attacks, said Patrick Bontinck, CEO of the Visit Brussels tourist office, "tourism was growing approximately 10 per cent each year since five years."

"We had a drop of approximately from 30 to 40 per cent in just two or three days after the attack," Bontinck said.

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CANADA

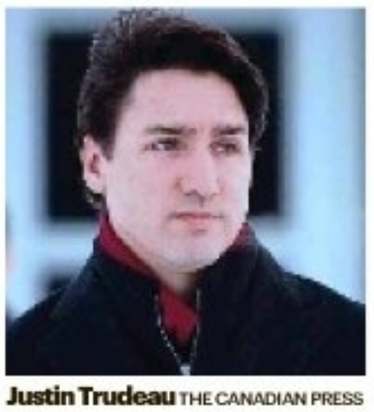
Trudeau: 'We stand with' U.K.

The apparent terrorist incident outside the British Parliament is a cowardly attack on democracy around the world, says Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Canada stands ready to help Britain in any way it can after the attack, which left at least five dead in London, Trudeau said Wednesday.

The dead included the attacker and a police officer, and some 20 more were wounded in the incident, which occurred on the grounds of the Parliament Buildings and the nearby Westminster Bridge, London police said.

The British Parliament was locked down while police searched the area to ensure there were no other attackers.



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In Canada's House of Commons, Trudeau called the attack on Britain's seat of democracy "a cowardly and reprehensible act that we condemn in the strongest terms.

"Canada and the U.K. are close friends and allies and our message to the citizens of the United Kingdom and our colleagues in the British Parliament is simple: We stand with you."

Trudeau said the scene unfolding in London was "all too familiar" to MPs who were on Parliament Hill in October 2014 when a gun-toting Michael Zehaf Bibeau stormed into Centre Block after killing a soldier at the nearby National War Memorial.

Bibeau was killed outside the Library of Parliament in a shootout with police and parliamentary security officers.

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May vows to move forward

TERRORISM

Five killed, 40 injured in attack on U.K. Parliament

A knife-wielding man went on a deadly rampage in the heart of Britain's seat of power Wednesday, plowing a car into pedestrians on London's Westminster Bridge before stabbing a police officer to death inside the gates of Parliament. Five people were killed, including the assailant, and 40 others were injured in what Prime Minister Theresa May condemned as a "sick and depraved terrorist attack."

Lawmakers, lords, staff and visitors were locked down after the man was shot by police within the perimeter of Parliament, just metres from entrances to the building itself and in the shadow of the iconic Big Ben clock tower. He died, as did three pedestrians on the bridge, and the police officer.

A doctor who treated the wounded from the bridge said some had "catastrophic" injuries. Three police officers, several French teenagers on a school trip and two Romanian tourists were among the casualties.

Police said they were treating the attack as terrorism. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Metropolitan Police counterterrorism chief Mark Rowley said police believed there was only one attacker, "but it would be foolish to be overconfident early on."

The threat level for international terrorism in the U.K. was already listed at severe, meaning an attack was "highly likely."

Speaking outside 10 Downing St. after chairing a meeting of government's emergency committee, COBRA, May said that level would not change. She said attempts to defeat British values of democracy and freedom through terrorism would fail.

"Tomorrow morning, Parliament will meet as normal," she said. Londoners and visitors "will all move forward together, never giving in to terror and never allowing the voices of hate and evil to drive us apart."

The attack began early Wednesday afternoon as a driver in a grey SUV slammed into pedestrians on the bridge linking Parliament to the south bank of the River Thames.

Ambulances arrived within minutes to treat people who lay scattered along the length of the bridge. One bloodied woman lay surrounded by a scattering of postcards. Police said one injured woman was pulled from the river.

The car crashed into railings on the north side of the bridge, less than 200 metres from the entrance to Parliament. As people scattered in panic, witnesses saw a man holding a knife run toward the building. The attacker managed to get past a gate into Parliament's fenced-in New Palace Yard, a cobbled courtyard in the shadow of Big Ben. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prime Minister Theresa May speaks outside 10 Downing Street on Wednesday. RICHARD POHLE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

An armed officer stands guard near Westminster Bridge and the Houses of Parliament. JACK TAYLOR/GETTY IMAGES

Emergency services attend to an injured person. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON THE BUDGET WE'VE SEEN BEFORE

Finance Minister Bill Morneau's second budget is, for the most part, a wordy rewrite of his previous one ... a sea of words that almost manages to drown the inconvenient fact that he is putting little or no money where his mouth is until just before the next election.

If you subscribe to the notion that governments are meant to walk their talk at budget time, then Justin Trudeau's Liberals are on a treadmill.

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Take innovation, the self-declared theme of the 2017 budget. As advertised, it has pride of place in the budget.

But that placement brings the government perilously close to indulging in false advertising.

Morneau's strategy, to put it charitably, is a work-in-progress. The government is still in consultation mode on most of the plan. Legislation to set up a previously announced infrastructure bank has yet to be introduced.

The government says it is about to engage in discussions with the CRTC as to how to go about ensuring high-speed Internet access for all Canadians.

That promise first surfaced in a Paul Martin budget in a previous century . . .

The government wants to make it easier for unemployed Canadians to get training through unemployment insurance. But, if you are out of work this year, you may also be out of luck; the government is not planning to spend new money in its skills section of its innovation agenda until next year.

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MORE OF THE SAME FROM MORNEAU There are plenty of understandable reasons even a government as young as this one would go on a holding pattern, Chantal Hébert writes. SEAN KILPATRICK/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Moving on to social programs, we are again presented with a slow-paced rollout that will see dollars magically materialize in greater numbers just before the next campaign.

The budget devotes what may be an all-time record number of lines to social and affordable housing, but only 20 million dollars to the file this year. It will be going up to almost a billion dollars in 2018-19.

On paper, the government is committed to helping the provinces create thousands of new child care spaces. But funds for the initiative will not start flowing until the last fiscal year of the mandate.

Ditto for culture. The Liberals would spend an extra two billion dollars over 10 years on support for the culture industry . . . with the first instalment scheduled for 2018-19.

In the same spirit, the provinces will not see the colour of most of the extra money they were promised for home-care and mental health before the next election.

There are plenty of understandable reasons why even a government as young as this one would go on a holding pattern.

It will take more time for the dust to settle in the wake of the advent of Donald Trump's administration. (Indeed that dust may never really settle.)

Meanwhile, the future of Canada's trade relationship with the U.S. and the country's trade agenda, itself, are up in the air.

Trudeau's government already has irons in the fire on a number of fronts.

Its carbon-pricing plan has yet to be implemented. The future of the pipeline plans it has approved is uncertain. The clock is ticking on the promise to legalize marijuana as it is on the commitment to striking a new deal with Canada's aboriginals.

The first Liberal budget was replete with big-ticket items, leaving it, over a period of uncertain economic growth, with little more than spare change to throw at other priorities.

Given all of the above, it is possible to construe Morneau's initial budget as a five-year spending plan and this year's instalment as the outline of the next Liberal election platform.

Except that it was not just spending on defining items on the Liberal agenda that is being shovelled forward; the government has yet to determine whether to bite the bullet on defence spending and respond to American pressures to up its contribution to NATO. A continuing defence review will eventually shed light on that.

The government is still flirting with the possible privatization of airports. That could be fraught with political perils. Those perils will only increase as we approach the election deadline.

It has postponed a comprehensive tax reform to another day. The political price tag on that could, too, increase with every passing month until the next campaign.

Last, but not least, it has yet to turn its mind to charting a credible path to return to balanced budgets.

As former prime minister Paul Martin could testify from firsthand experience, the line between prudence and dithering is a fine one.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

I need to have a baby to benefit from this budget

Vicky Mochama
Metro

I really don't want one but I think I should have a kid. I was reviewing the new federal budget and that's probably my best move.

Finance minister Bill Morneau introduced it with an anecdote about a Toronto taxi driver who, on recognizing Morneau, called his wife so they both could tell the minister about the positive impact the Canada child benefit has had on their lives. Good for them and their anecdotal children.

This budget goes further in supporting families. It proposes to let mothers to take more of their maternity leave in advance of giving birth and allow families to choose to spread parental leave payments over 18 months instead of the current 12.

I, for one, hope Morneau takes the bus when he's in town, because I might like to meet him to have a few choice words about the mid-2017 elimination of the public transit tax credit. It helped offset the cost of transportation by allowing you to deduct part of the cost of a transit pass on your income tax.

The government's solution is to give millions more to provinces and territories directly and through the proposed Canada Infrastructure Bank.

All that money goes to projects that are in progress and regional plans that are under discussion. None of it goes towards a young person who is paying more and more for transit that doesn't go very far.

Recently, I added up how much I spend on cabs including Uber. I didn't like the number. Yesterday's budget promised to make it even bigger by requiring taxi-like ridesharing services to pay GST/HST – a tax increase that will be passed on to consumers. Now, if only there were some kind of infrastructure bank that paid for faster, more efficient transit so I didn't have to take cabs.

Perhaps their back-up plan is the Youth Service Initiative, which was mentioned in last year's budget. This year's budget allocates no money for this idea but there is a call for proposals.

My idea: Un- and under-employed youth should be drafted into service to piggy-back those of us who can no longer afford transit passes.

Speaking to press, Opposition Leader Rona Ambrose insisted her party would be the voice of the taxpayer. Who, I ask, will represent those of us who um, ah, haven't been super on top of our paperwork? (Hey, CRA, these are jokes. I promise.)

The budget also increases the excise duty on alcohol paid by importers and producers. This is a niche problem, but the price of my favourite wine has already gone up. A two-per-cent tax increase brings me down to just one or three bottles per week.

Which is bad, because I might need a glass or two to get into this baby-making venture.

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INTERVIEW

A very American movement will lead the demise of expertise: Author

No one listens to the experts anymore

Genna Buck
Metro Canada

Tom Nichols is an expert. He has a PhD in government from Georgetown University. He's an authority on Russian politics and a professor at the United States Naval War College. But, he argues in The Death of Expertise: The Campaign Against Established Knowledge and Why it Matters, practically no one cares.

Across society, rich and poor, right and left, we're not just dismissing or criticizing experts, but pooh-poohing the whole idea of expertise itself, he writes. And because it came out just as the world is reckoning with the rise of a proudly inexpert U.S. president, his book has touched a nerve.

You might know Nichols from Twitter as @RadioFreeTom, a famously ruthless conservative critic of President Trump. (He reluctantly supported Hillary Clinton in the 2016 election).

We asked him about the anti-expert trend and what to do with it.

Americans steadfastly believe in the common sense of the common person, says Tom Nichols, author of The Death of Expertise: The Campaign Against Established Knowledge and Why it Matters. ISTOCK/ILLUSTRATION

There's always been anti-intellectualism. But it's become so noticeable. What's happening?
People don't want to talk about it, but it's because of the growth of narcissism in our society. We really have become so acclimated to thinking that our views on everything are as important and as worthwhile as everyone else's. Every professional in the world at this point has encountered somebody who has told them how to do their job.

You blame this in part on higher education.
I think a motivated, intelligent student can still get a great education in Europe, Canada or the United States. But in the competition for students and loan dollars, colleges are marketing themselves to teenagers as though they're cars. Many more people are going to college, and many of them shouldn't be going. And that hurts the whole issue of expertise because ... college is no longer a good discriminator for who knows what they're talking about.

The U.S. has elected a president who isn't shy about his lack of expertise. What was it like watching this wave of Trump mania?
I saw it coming. And this wasn't the first election. Although people want to tie this pretty strongly to Donald Trump, it's important to remember Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton's followers believed a lot of outrageous things as well. This has been going on for years. The Trump campaign, better than anybody, caught this wave and surfed it effectively

Is there something specifically American about the anti-expertise trend?
Americans are not comfortable with ideas of class. We believe in the common sense of the common person. So there's always been fertile ground for questioning experts. What's different is this phenomenon of everyone turning into insufferable know-it-alls. We (used to have) a healthy respect for the division of labour. And that's gone

Could automation be creating a false sense that jobs are simple and easy?
Absolutely right. The death of expertise is a disease of affluence. When you're looking around the world and everything just works, you say, "How hard can this be? Who can't fly a plane?" The other problem with so much technology is it makes people realize how dependent on experts they are. And that breeds a sense of helplessness and anger.

Tom Nichols

What do you think will make average people suffer the most under this trend?
Most troubles are recoverable. I mean if you screw up the economy, you can recover. But when people are out there suggesting that we need to do something firm about Ukraine, and then cannot place Ukraine on the right continent on a map, I worry that we're really headed into problems of war and peace. This kind of ignorant populism sooner or later will either decay into authoritarianism, or — the bigger danger — experts will simply disengage and start running things without arguing with the public.

Does anything give you hope that this can be turned around?
Nope. There's no hope. Thanks for the interview!

Really?
Well, I admit I'm somewhat pessimistic. I think the thing that's most likely to change this is some kind of economic or foreign policy disaster or a pandemic. Nothing will end the anti-vaxxer nonsense faster than a pandemic.

INTERVIEW

Her memoir about life as an outsider

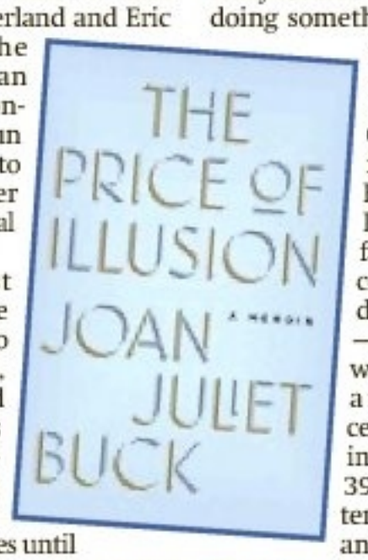
Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

Joan Juliet Buck. CONTRIBUTED

There is a leaf blower creating a ruckus outside Joan Juliet Buck's room at the Chateau Marmont.

The iconic Sunset Boulevard hotel, with its intimidating stone-walls and discreet staff, has been a famous hideout for Hollywood celebrities, supermodels and other beautiful people since the 1930s. It's a world in which Buck is familiar — her father co-owned a film production company with Peter O'Toole, her mother was an actor whose best friend was Lauren Bacall. But it's a world Buck has happily left behind, preferring now the more bohemian company of artists, writers and theatre performers.

Buck is on the phone at the Marmont doing interviews for her new memoir, The Price of Illusion, which chronicles her early life as an expat in Paris, her teenage years as an It Girl in Swinging London, a string of romantic affairs with the likes of Donald Sutherland and Eric Rothschild (she turned down an offer from Leonard Cohen to run away with him to Greece), and her career as a cultural reviewer.



Buck is best known as the only American to edit Vogue Paris, which she did for seven years — injecting colour, culture and "playfulness" into its staid pages until 2001 — when she was inexplicably banished and sent away to rehab by her boss, the head of Condé Nast International, for a phantom addiction she clearly didn't suffer from.

The first draft of The Price of Illusion was more than 1,000 pages long, not surprising given Buck's rich life, her travels and the people she has encountered (there's even a chilling ghost story). But something happened as she "whittled and sculpted" to find the truth. "I zeroed in on the thing that had been the problem all along, which has been illusion," Buck says. "I thought there were parts of my life that were testaments to authenticity, and it was always something that I was seeking — except I loved all the glamour and the fantasy."

Buck spent much of her life feeling like a perpetual outsider, from the time her family moved to Paris when she was three, to her reign at Vogue. "Unless I am really focused with a purpose on doing something like writing or now acting, I never quite felt I belong," she says. One place that did feel like home to Buck was at the Irish estate of her father's friend and colleague, film producer John Huston — more specifically with his wife Ricki, a former ballet dancer who was killed in a car crash at age 39. Ricki's daughters, actor Angelica and author Allegra Huston, who Buck refers to as "semi-sisters," became unofficial fact checkers for the book.

Now age 68, Buck spends most of her time surrounded by trees at her small home in the Hudson Valley, which she bought after giving up her loft in New York's Hell's Kitchen.

She surrounds herself only with true friends, having given up any "fake relationships" from the past.

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Netflix can chill on tax? Not so fast, observer says

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New Uber tax may set stage for tariff on digital content

Joe Callaghan
Metro Canada

The world's leading streaming service might have breathed an initial sigh of relief on Wednesday afternoon when it scanned the 2017 Federal Budget and found itself off the hook in the government's plan for the coming year.

Some observers had focused on the possible introduction of a 'Netflix tax' in Wednesday's budget. In the wake of Heritage Minister Melanie Joly's indication earlier this year that she was eager to find a way to both establish a tax on digital content subscriptions and upgrade Canadian content rules for the digital age, Netflix looked to be in the firing line.

But the initial impression that they came out unscathed may be off the mark.

The 'Uber tax,' which was one of the headline policies unveiled by Finance Minister Bill Morneau Wednesday, set the precedent for a broader tax on digital services, a net that Netflix could in the future find itself caught up in.

Michael Geist, University of Ottawa law professor and one of the country's foremost voices on wireless and digital commerce, saw it that way.

> **"The coming year will have enormous implications for the future of Canada's digital policies"**
> Michael Geist, law professor

"The biggest digital implications may ultimately come from the policy reforms," he wrote in an analysis of the budget. "First up may be new digital sales taxes. The…commitment to extend sales taxes to ride sharing companies such as Uber, (is) a move that seems likely to ultimately lead to a broader extension of sales taxes to digital services such as Netflix."

The Los Gatos, Calif.-based streaming service, which has more than 5 million subscribers in this country, has been engaged in a stand-off with successive Canadian governments on a number of fronts. One of the debates is whether it should have to contribute to the Canadian Media Fund and Canadian content, something it is exempt from under the current Broadcasting Act because its operations aren't based here.

But with yesterday's budget promising reforms in both the Broadcasting and Telecommunications Acts, upheaval is likely.

"This guarantees that the major policy fights of the past year will continue into the next," added Geist in his post on michaelgeist.ca.

Artists hope $300M will mean more space to create

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Joe Callaghan
Metro Canada

Last year's rollout of a raft of cultural funding by the Liberal government was never likely to be mirrored with another bonanza for the arts Wednesday. But the creative sector wasn't left totally empty handed.

One of the pledges came buried on page 142 of Finance Minister Bill Morneau's plan for the next year. Budget 2017 outlined a $300 million boost to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund which the government said will help "construct, renovate and better equip" creative spaces "for the next generation."

Prem Gill, CEO of Creative BC, an independent agency responsible for promoting the development of creative industries in the province, welcomed the proposal.

"In general we're seeing much more of a collaborative shared workspace environment across the creative and tech industries," Gill told Metro. "Investing in any program that brings talent together especially in the creative industry always has a huge benefit. You're probably talking about upgrading and creating new spaces. You want it to fuel creativity when you bring people together."

For the on-the-ground creatives, yesterday's pledge also found welcoming ears.

Tom Chwieszczenik is a Toronto-based landscape architect who throughout the winter turns his attention to Winter Stations (pictured), a design competition challenging artists to turn a clutch of lifeguard stations along the city's lakefront into installations.

Prem Gill CONTRIBUTED

In light of concerns over high-profile urban creative hubs disappearing — 401 Richmond, a long-standing hive for some of Toronto's creative and non-profits, is fighting crippling tax hikes — Chwieszczenik welcomed the Cultural Spaces boost.

"It's great that they're upping the funding in this area. It's somewhere where there is always funding and support needed. When you read about what's going on with 401 Richmond and all those other spaces, it's somewhere we need assistance right now," he said.

"From what I hear, from my friends in other categories in the arts, they all do have moments where they struggle, across the board. It's really great to hear them use terms like the creative (economy)."

LADIES NIGHT OUT

LADIES LEARN TO BECOME SHARP SHOOTERS AT DVC

Every Friday night at DVC Ventures, Vancouver's only indoor shooting range, the excitement is palpable.

It's Ladies Night, and women from all kinds of backgrounds, ages and walks of life are coming in to kick off the weekend. Women get in free from 2-10 p.m. (regular admission is $30), and only need to purchase their ammo and targets.

"I've worked every Friday for the last six-and-a-half years and it's the best night to be here," says Kayla Wirth of DVC Ventures, who often acts as a range officer during Ladies Night, and shoots competitively herself.

"It's Friday night. It's the weekend. Everyone's geared up," she explains. "Ladies like to come out in a group before they go out together that night, or they'll come in with a friend or a boyfriend."

The night is a great way to get familiarized with shooting if you don't have much experience with it.

"The atmosphere is really, really good," says Wirth. "We have regulars that come through, but there are a lot of new shooters. It's great to see people coming out who have never tried it and when they come off the line and they're smiling."

For everyone who uses the range, safety is number one. When you first come through the door, the friendly staff will check your identification and ask you to sign a waiver. Then you'll go through an orientation with extensive safety information to help you stay safe and feel prepared. A range officer accompanies each group on the range, unless they have a gun license. He or she can provide tips and help you and your group stay safe.

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Those who enjoy their experience can go on to take courses at DVC, including the PAL course, which is required before you can get a gun licence.

Wirth's advice for making the most of your first visit?

"Breathe, relax as much as you can. Once you get used to it, it's a rush," she says. "I can honestly say that 98 per cent of the time, people have a good time. You never know unless you try."

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'SING LIKE NO ONE'S WATCHING' AT MILLENNIUM

Every place has its own definition of a party. In Rio, they samba. In Dublin, they fiddle. In Richmond, B.C., they karaoke.

Karaoke can be a fun, freeing experience, according to Katt Chow, manager of Millennium Karaoke, a fully licensed karaoke hot spot on No. 3 Road in Richmond.

"Karaoke is the perfect place to go for your next night out with friends," she says. "Our customers come from all walks of life. They're usually looking to have some drinks, relax or party — sing like no one's watching!"

Karaoke has no age or cultural boundaries. Customers at Millennium range from 19 to 55 and up. Millennium's song library also offers more than 120,000 songs in English, Mandarin, Cantonese and some Korean and Japanese, from current pop hits to old-school jams.

Rent one of Millennium's private karaoke rooms and sing your heart out. Every karaoke room puts you at the centre of the karaoke experience, with comfortable

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seating, sound-proof walls and a state-of-the-art sound system, including an intuitive touch screen.

The Asian Fusion menu includes hot snacks perfect for your group, including fries, curry fish balls, and house special MK Fried Rice and MK Fried Noodles — and much more.

Millennium Karaoke is located at #201-4451 No.3 Road, Richmond. Karaoke room are available for rent and drinks are served until 2 a.m. every day.

For more information, visit millenniumkaraoke.ca

JAM WITH THE FIERCEST GIRLS IN THE CITY

Never seen roller derby before? The Terminal City Rollergirls (TCRG) kick off their 11th season this April, and there couldn't be a better time to discover this vibrant, inclusive sport.

"People have described it as high-speed chess on skates — while having bricks hurled at you," says Johanna Parsons, a.k.a. Dimples Diablo, head of marketing for Vancouver's Terminal City Rollergirls (TCRG). "The modern derby game has evolved into one of the most strategic and athletic full-contact sports out there."

But you can do more than just watch. You can learn to skate with the TCRG Mix Tapes program.

"We love roller derby and want to make it accessible to more women who might want to try it out," says Meg Gravesdale, a.k.a. Emma Goldmanslaughter, who co-leads Mix Tapes.

The program is a great way to discover a fun new form of exercise in a positive and inclusive team environment. Pay $10 for a single drop-in, or $40 for a month, which includes four hours of sweaty fun per week.

Mark your calendar for the Season 11 Home Opener on April 29 at the Royal City Curling Club. Tickets are $11 for adults, $5 for

Bad Reputations jammer, 100% Canadian Bacon, breaks away from the pack. TJ CHASE

kids six to 12, and free for kids five and under. One dollar of every adult ticket will be donated to the foundation Girls On Track, whose mission is to foster important life skills in girls around the world, through junior roller derby initiatives.

For more information, visit tcrg.ca.

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MEET THE CONDO

Move-in ready Coquitlam condos

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Project overview

Mantyla by Polygon is the final collection of apartment residences for the Windsor Gate community in Coquitlam. The tower stands 25 storeys with two and three bedoom suites available beginning at 820 square feet. Each unit boasts an open layout and expansive ceilings.

Housing amenities

Mantyla features spa-inspired bathrooms and high-style kitchens, but also includes access to Windsor Gate's Nakoma Club, an 18,000 square foot private clubhouse. This includes an outdoor pool, landscaped terrace, fitness studio and gymnasium, screening and lounge rooms and much more.

Location and transit

Lincoln SkyTrain Station is a few blocks away on the new Evergreen Line, providing access to New Westminster, Burnaby and Vancouver for commuters. Across the street from Coquitlam Centre is a busy bus loop, as well as a West Coast Express train station.

In the neighbourhood

Shopping opportunities are bountiful with Coquitlam Centre Mall nearby as well as a vast number of restaurants to satiate cravings. The area is family-friendly with a number of natural trails and playgrounds. There are several K-12 school options and the David Lam campus of Douglas College.

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Embraced by Baby Boomers, recliners get a makeover

Including recliners in home decorating projects used to be an interior designer's nightmare, says Bonnie Lewis, founder of 55+ TLC Interior Design in Scottsdale, Ariz. But the easy chair has gotten a face lift, thanks largely to Baby Boomers.

"Before, this furniture was strictly about the function — meaning it could recline, but there wasn't much to the esthetics of it," says Lewis, whose firm specializes in design for older adults. "Because Boomers want that cleaner-line look, it's pushing the manufacturers to get on board."

Recliners used to come in one profile: big and bulky, says Bruce Birnbach, president and CEO of American Leather in Dallas, Texas. Today, he and his competitors offer recliners "in every size and shape and style," he says.

Like other manufacturers, La-Z-Boy, which introduced the recliner in 1928 and built a reputation more on comfort than style, now offers models that are smaller and more stylish.

But La-Z-Boy will never stop making the traditional chairs that made the company's name synonymous with recliners, says Penny Eudy, product manager of upholstery for La-Z-Boy in Monroe, Mich. Eudy believes recliners are the ideal chair for the modern home: "We all are living more casually and more comfortably than we ever have," she says.

The trend toward open living spaces means that customers are looking for furniture that's less formal but still eye-catching, says Erin Berg, an associate editor at Furniture Today magazine in Greensboro, N.C. Open floor plans mean there's nowhere to hide an ugly recliner, she says.

New recliners' smaller footprint gives homeowners more flexibility, Berg says. Some manufacturers offer a "wall-hugger" feature: The seat moves forward when it reclines, allowing the chair to be placed against a wall.

The variety of new fabrics and styles — including some recliners with legs — means that designers no longer shy away from the chairs, Lewis says.

And as Baby Boomers downsize their homes, multi-functional furniture becomes more important, says Sarah Dooley, principal designer at Leedy Interiors in Tinton Falls, N.J.

"The family room becomes the key room in the house," she says. "It's got to be livable and stylish, but function is key." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Fallon recliner in Bison Ash leather by American Leather. CONTRIBUTED

Sky's the limit for rooftop patios

Top and right: Two different rooftop decks in Chicago designed by local design-build firm Chicago Roof Deck & Garden. CONTRIBUTED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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More than a home for cars, it's a place to also tinker

Backyards and balconies are great places to enjoy an al fresco meal or a sun bath, but to really elevate your outdoor lifestyle, consider going up. To the roof.

Rooftop decks were fairly common in early 20th century Craftsman and modernist homes, particularly on the West Coast. More recently, the trend has moved to city cores, where ground-floor outdoor space is minimal.

A rooftop deck is nice if you're lucky enough to have expansive nature views. But it's also attractive to city dwellers keen to escape the confines of the concrete jungle without decamping to the wilderness.

Privacy

Urban rooftop decks might need to be screened from nearby buildings, or from unsightly elements like water towers or air-conditioning units. Laser-cut steel, wood or tempered glass do the job and add a decorative element.

Los Angeles architect Dan Brunn has done several beach-adjacent rooftop projects. He cautions that seaside decks need good wind screening and homeowners must be mindful of community height restrictions. Wind can also be a problem for outdoor grills, keeping them from heating up properly.

Use planters, pergolas and gazebos to define areas of a rooftop deck, Brunn says.

"The other great thing about a gazebo structure is that it can house heating elements and lighting," he says.

Pergolas provide some privacy and shade, too. Chicago Roof Deck & Garden, in the city's Bucktown/Lincoln Park neighbourhood, has even made them out of reclaimed barn wood. "With the client, we developed a material palette that mimicked the contemporary, steel-and-beam loft feel of the interior," says company principal Adam Miller.

Personalized space

Everyone has a different use for outdoor space, so feel free to customize. Miller recalls one beer-loving client who wanted his rooftop deck to feel like a bar.

"He had this great collection of growler jugs," recalls Miller. "So we built a growler wall on the west end of the deck. It picks up the late afternoon sun to give the space a really cool glow."

For a family with children, the company custom-built a hanging daybed and installed a hot tub on the roof.

Design considerations

Echoing the esthetic of the home's interior can create a cohesive feel. Use a similar colour palette in weather-resistant fabrics and paint and incorporate design elements like industrial shelving or a comfy rattan sectional.

Miller says space and weight are two of the biggest challenges on rooftop decks. A kitchen, lounge space and dining area can be a lot to fit on a roof. And you can't use heavy pavers or counters. He and his team have developed a lightweight concrete that holds up well to the Chicago climate.

Anthony Carrino, a builder in Jersey City, N.J., like to use engineered quartz products, like Dekton, for outdoor kitchens and entertainment counters, because it's durable.

"We're hit with every type of weather possible, from blizzards to summers with 100 degree heat," he says. "To have a product that looks just like natural stone and requires no maintenance is a dream when creating an outdoor kitchen."

For cabinetry, a Wallingford, Conn. company Danver Outdoor Kitchens makes a powder-coated stainless steel line that can be ordered in a range of colours and finishes.

Dining and lounge furniture now resembles interior furniture more than ever. Look for big, comfy sectionals, cool bar stools and finishes ranging from weathered wood looks to textural weaves and sleek modern silhouettes. For rooftops, look for heavy pieces that won't sail off on a windy day.

While ipe and other marine-grade woods make beautiful decking, a less costly flooring to consider is tile. Slate, granite, ceramic, plastic and simulated wood squares are easier to lay on an uneven rooftop. HandyDeck, Fiberon and Greatmats are some options.

Gardens in the sky

Weather is a consideration not just for the deck's structural and decorative elements, but for landscaping.

"Hardy plants that can take a lot of wind — and salt, in coastal areas — are a must," says Miami designer Fernando Wong. "I have an 80/20 rule for my landscapes: 80 per cent hardy, and 20 per cent flowers and other plants that add beauty but are more fragile."

The goal is to use greenery that softens the roof's hard materials.

Wong says he likes to use a limited colour palette in creating lush spaces; two colours, and one of them is green.

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Self-taught architect Tadao Ando working at his desk in Osaka. This photographed is featured in Paul Barbera's book Where They Create, Japan from Frame Publishers and explores creatives' studios and workplaces. PAUL BARBERA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Top left: Artist Takahashi Kiroko in her Tokyo studio. Top right: Artist Mariko Mori in her Tokyo tea room, where she does a lot of thinking. Bottom: Monotype studies by Louesa Roebuck in her Ojai, Calif. studio. TOP: PAUL BARBERA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; BOTTOM: LOUESA ROEBUCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Breaking the block: Studios that *inspire* creativity

INTERIORS

Spaces should be adaptable to enable a fluid workflow

Spaces where creativity happens are utterly unlike other rooms, artists and designers say.

Whether at home or elsewhere, these deeply personal spaces often feel like they're in flux, with interiors more curated than decorated. They often feature natural objects and personal totems. They can feel messy, but also like a window into an artist's mind.

"I am always mesmerized by what goes on in these creative spaces. They are very special and often very private. The hardest part is convincing people to let you in," says Paul Barbera, who has photographed over 200 studios of both established and up-and-coming designers, architects and artists around the world.

His most recent book is Where They Create, Japan (Frame Publishers, Amsterdam). Matthew Waldman, founder of a watch company called Nooka, is one of the designers featured in the book.

"I like to have a lot of stimulation in my creative space, with things to touch and look at, things that inspire me, and lots of plants," says Waldman.

Louesa Roebuck, who, with Sarah Lonsdale, wrote and photographed Foraged Flora (Ten Speed Press), featuring images and descriptions of the workplaces of various California "creatives," says "creative spaces reflect an intersection between the highly personal and professional."

The studios, ateliers and other spaces explored in these books vary widely, but many include plants or pets, quirky objects, and odd assortments of objects grouped in visual vignettes.

"A lot of the things we collect connect us to other places and times, like relics or fossils, shells, stones or bits of inspiration," Roebuck says. "My studio is full of totems."

The rooms also tend to have plenty of natural light or access to the outdoors.

"My home is very pared down but the desk in my studio area is covered in things," says Lonsdale.

"The most creative spaces seem to have the messiest desks. I love those desks. And many creative people spread things out across walls or floors. It's a way to visualize. It's work in progress."

Rachael Weiner, senior style and market editor at Real Simple magazine, says anyone can foster creativity in their home office or studio space.

"While a home is a place to foster tranquility, to relax and recharge, a creative space is the opposite. You want it to be comfortable, but you also want the energy to be dynamic," she says.

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> **I am always mesmerized by what goes on in these creative spaces. They are very special and often very private. The hardest part is convincing people to let you in.** Paul Barbera, Where They Create

RACHAEL WEINER'S TIPS FOR BUILDING YOUR OWN CREATIVE OASIS

Permission to be messy

"In a home you want things as orderly as possible, but in a creative space you want to give yourself permission to diversify the way you organize things," Weiner says.

"Contact lists should be in order, but you might want to make stacks of books or drawings, or spread things out as you think about them."

Fluid display space

"The more fluid the display space the better," she says.

"Consider putting up a bulletin board or gallery ledges so you can refresh what kind of work you have up depending on the projects you're working on."

Let nature in

Natural light and natural objects "connect us to the universe and stimulate the brain. If there's no outdoor space nearby, consider including plants or even a bowl of fruit. Living natural things really change the feel of a space," Weiner says.

Personal and inspirational totems

"In a creative work space, anything that creates joy or reminds you of what you love belongs there," she says.

"Favourite colours or textiles, photos from a happy family vacation or objects that bring back special memories. These help inspire."

Expand your image of work space

"Depending on the kind of work you do, a hammock chair or cushions on the floor might be a better fit than an office chair," she says.

"Unlike the home, which has to cater to everyone in it, creative space is a personal realm, filled with whatever it is — and organized in whatever way you want — that sparks your creativity."

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Assisting home buyers a labour of love for Bikaw

For Suzie Bikaw, turning homeowners' questions and problems into answers and solutions is all in a day's work — and it's a labour of love.

"I like helping people; it's what I do every day and it's what makes my job satisfying," says Bikaw, home service coordinator for Shane Homes. "On a daily basis, if I've made someone happy I feel like I've done my job."

Working with a team of service technicians, a service manager and another coordinator, Bikaw deploys whatever resources are necessary to help buyers of Shane homes get the most out of their purchases.

Some of what she and her team deal with involves warranty work, repairs and maintenance, including three-month and one-year inspections. But with 20 years of industry experience — 14 of them with Shane — Bikaw can often address problems with a few questions and an explanation rather than needing to send a technician out.

"When I can resolve someone's issue over the phone, that feels good." Sometimes all it takes is a reminder of how the heating system works, or some other operational aspect of the home.

"When we turn over a house, we do a customer orientation and let them know all the details. But they are, understandably, really excited and so sometimes they don't absorb it all," she says.

Bikaw deals with anywhere from around 20 to 60 customers in a typical day, and says on average at least 80 per cent of their issues can be resolved very quickly. "That's one of the things we pride ourselves in."

Born and raised in Trinidad, Bikaw came to Calgary in 1991 to attend Mount Royal University on a scholarship. There she studied business management before entering the home-building industry, working first as a customer liaison then moving into her current role.

She has continued to develop her industry skills and knowledge by taking numerous courses from the Professional Home Builders Institute. But what she treasures most is the opportunity to connect with people by solving problems and putting their minds at ease.

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"I like a positive outcome where a customer is happy. You create lasting relationships with them and it feels really good," she says. "I love everything about my job, I'm happy where I am and I love what I do."

Part of that includes working with a supportive team, and Bikaw couldn't be more enthusiastic about her colleagues at Shane Homes.

"There are so many people you build long-lasting
friendships with at work. Everything evolves and the company has matured, but friends still endure."

–MILES DURRIE

UNWIND IN YOUR REDESIGNED LAVATORY

Of all the rooms in your home, the bathroom should be the silence-please, "ahhh" oasis. A great bathroom is no longer simply utilitarian; they have evolved into a focal point of home design. People want spa-like personal retreats. Must-haves include soaker tubs, dual sinks or vanities and beautiful finishings. Accessorizing your retreat is the fun part. Here are some great finds to make your bathroom "ahhh"-mazing.

Lock it up: Retreat though it may be, the bathroom can also contain some items you'll want to lock up for safe keeping, especially if you have children. Think medications, essential oils, razors — anything that could potentially harm little ones. Ikea's Gunnern cabinet is a lockable solution for peace of mind. The wall-mounted shelves have lipped edges to prevent contents from sliding out and can be mounted to open to the right or left.

Tune in: Whether you like quiet background music or want to go full Ferris Bueller singing in the shower, music is a nice-to-have in your retreat. A Bluetooth shower speaker avoids expensive accidents to your devices. Keep your mobile tablet or phone safe and play music or make hands-free calls using the water resistant speaker. The well-rated TaoTronics portable, wireless speaker suctions to surfaces, and allows up to six hours of audio playback. $24.99 on Amazon.ca

Lay back and relax: Book and a glass of wine in the tub? Maybe even a little cheese plate? Don't mind if I do! This terrific water-resistant teak bathtub caddy rests on the tub ledge to put it all at your fingertips, with an adjustable book holder, slot for wineglass or coffee mug, and notches for razor or brushes. It adjusts to fit tubs up to 33 inches wide. $49.99 at Bed Bath & Beyond.

Sharp idea: Funk (or change) up your bathroom space with an interesting, statement-making shower curtain. Unique selections abound in lifestyle brand Anthropologie's stores and catalogue. With patterns to suit any decor, from traditional to whimsical, you'll find everything from a classic damask pattern to a giant, retro-style pink flamingo print. An online exclusive for $148 on anthropologie.com.

Store it all: Need a bit of extra space to store your luxury bubble baths and fluffy towels? A freestanding linen cabinet is a versatile solution, and they come in plenty of different styles and colours to fit seamlessly into your decor. The Sutton linen cabinet is a sleek modern choice, with aluminum feet and handles, two doors, with an oval mirror tucked inside, and adjustable shelves. $399 at Rona.

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It's like living in downtown Vancouver, where everything you need is conveniently close by, but at an incredibly affordable price. Homes at Spark start from $299,900.

"There are so many things to discover when you live in Richmond," says Agnes Cheung, marketing manager for Spark. "The food, shopping and entertainment are hard to beat."

At Spark, these features are right at your front door. Spark is just a short walk from Central Garden City Mall and Walmart.

The European-inspired city homes come with beautifully finished interiors that will show their quality for years to come.

The exceptional finishes include hardwood floors, engineered stone countertops and stainless steel Bosch appliances. It's a perfect blank slate to create any home design or layout you want.

"Spark is the complete package," says Cheung.

Interested home buyers are invited to visit the Spark presentation centre at 4033 May Dr. in Richmond, B.C. Open daily from 12–5 p.m., and closed Fridays. Call 604-285-2008 or email sales@sparkrichmond.ca for more information.

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A central location with amenities close by

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Living in a central hub has its perks. Spark, an up-and-coming condo building in Richmond's downtown area, is proof.

When you're looking for somewhere to eat, for example, the options are mind-boggling.

Alexandra Road nearby is a hotspot for great dining. Known as "food street," the three-block-long street has more than 300 restaurants of all kinds, including ramen, dim sum and many, many more options.

There's always something fresh and delicious on offer, for any occasion.

"Spark is perfectly positioned to offer its residents the luxury of choice," explains Agnes Cheung of Spark. "It's incredibly simple and easy to walk out your front door and find anything you want here."

Shopping is equally exciting, with a wide selection of services available close by, either within walking distance, or a close drive away.

Aberdeen Mall and Richmond Centre are very close by. Each mall features a huge array of exciting options from vendors who come from all over the world. Find the latest fashion trends from Hong Kong, home storage solutions from Japan, Korean electronics and a plethora of other goods and services.

If you're looking for an all-in-one food and homewares stop nearby, you can trust Walmart — there's a new location less than one block away from Spark.

And for European-style fashion, you can find it in countless shapes, colours and styles at the McArthurGlen Designer Outlet, a designer fashion experience located just a 10-minute drive away. It's the place to find amazing deals on high-end European brands.

Another luxury you'll appreciate at Spark is the development's easy access to public transit. You won't necessarily need to own a car here, since you'll be close to the Canada Line SkyTrain. Just jump on the train and you'll be in Downtown Vancouver in just 20 minutes.

At Spark you're well-positioned to get a great education, too. The development is close to Kwantlen Polytechnic University, as well as two elementary schools — great for young families.

Enjoy beautiful green space

Welcome to the beauty of the riverside. Richmond has its own brand of green space, welcoming residents into lush parks and riverside strolls.

The neighbourhoods that surround Spark are packed with incredible parks, nature reserves and other green spaces you'll be able to enjoy year-round.

The area got its start as a farming community, and many farms still prosper outside the downtown area, growing produce.

With all this space, it's no wonder Richmond is known for its golf courses. Play at Mayfair Lakes Golf & Country Club, a course with beautiful waterways.

West Richmond Pitch & Putt is another beautifully green option for golf, while Savage Creek Driving Range is the place to go when you want to focus on your swing.

If you love bicycling, you're in luck here too. Richmond is full of options, including the West Dyke Trail and South Dyke Trail, two waterfront routes that showcase some of the city's most beautiful riverside vistas.

For a cultural experience you won't find anywhere else, head to Steveston Village. The historic fishing village along the water is the perfect place to go for a fun weekend experience.

Visit the Steveston Village Museum and Visitor Centre to learn more about the community.

Living at Spark, you'll have access to all the green space and recreation the city has to offer.

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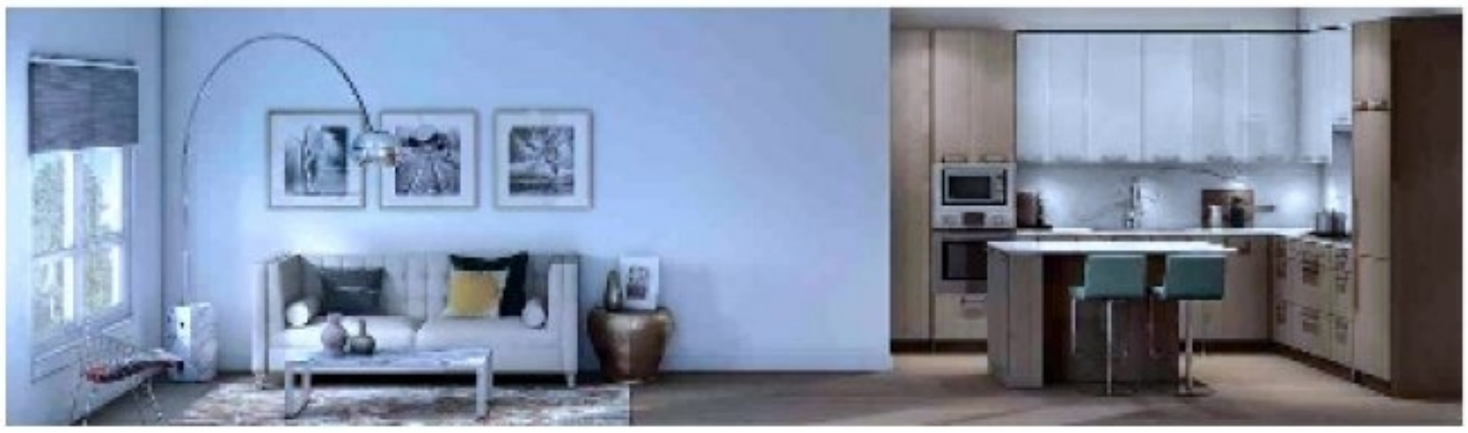

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Clean your act up

MLS

Shea's red card just the latest in Whitecaps' discipline woes

With his team starting to show attacking promise in a scoreless stalemate, Vancouver Whitecaps midfielder Brek Shea cut the feet out from under Toronto FC defender Nick Hagglund to earn a deserved yellow card over the weekend.

Feeling aggrieved about a foul he thought should have been called seconds earlier, Shea swore at referee Ismail Elfath before turning away.

The official immediately brandished an additional caution and a subsequent red card in the 70th minute of a match that would see Toronto score twice after Vancouver was reduced to 10 men in a 2-0 final.

"As an athlete you get competitive and you want to win," Shea said after Wednesday's training session. "Sometimes it gets the best of you. To let the team and my teammates down like that, it's disappointing for me."

Acquired in a trade with Orlando City SC late last month, Shea's dismissal was just the latest example of discipline biting the Whitecaps, who saw eight players either sent off or retroactively suspended a year ago, three more than the next closest team in Major League Soccer.

Three games into this season, the number is already at two for winless Vancouver (0-2-1) after goalkeeper David Ousted was also red carded in a 3-2 loss to the San Jose Earthquakes.

Add to that Cristian Techera's sending off in the first leg of the CONCACAF Champions League quarter-finals and it's just more evidence of a troubling trend.

"There is a lot. There's too many for my liking," said Whitecaps head coach Carl Robinson, whose team has seen 10 red cards over its last 36 MLS matches. "We need to be better, we need to be cleaner, we need to be smarter. If the referees are clamping down on foul and abusive language, which I'm fine with, I need to make sure they don't use foul and abusive language.

"That's hard in professional sports, unfortunately."

MLS told clubs before the season that dissent towards referees would be a focus, but Ousted, whose red against San Jose was for a tackle outside of the penalty area, said it would have been better if the official had taken everything into account in the Shea situation, including the Canadian rivalry.

"There should never be dissent against the referee, but they also have to recognize there's a lot of emotions," said Ousted. "There are guys who are fighting for spots, who are fighting for their livelihoods."

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It was all downhill for the Whitecaps' Brek Shea after he felled Toronto FC's Nick Hagglund on Saturday at BC Place Stadium. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

SCHEDULE

Vancouver plays next on April 1 at home against the Los Angeles Galaxy.

CANADIAN FOOTBALL HOF

Calvillo and Simon headline inductees

They spent their CFL careers on different squads but quarterback Anthony Calvillo and receiver Geroy Simon will now forever be teammates.

The record-setting performers headline a solid 2017 class named for induction into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame. Simon and Calvillo were both selected in their first years of eligibility Wednesday night.

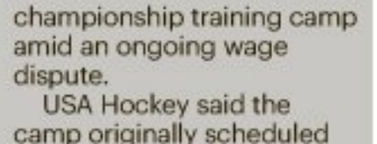
"You look at the history of the CFL and the people that have been inducted and it's a special, special place to be," Calvillo said.

"It just speaks volumes to go in with someone like Geroy who mastered his craft, was great for so many years and was so enjoyable to watch."

Calvillo and Simon will form the Hall of Fame's most prolific passing tandem. Calvillo is pro football's all-time passing leader while Simon remains the top receiver in CFL history.

"A.C. was probably the best quarterback in the league for a long time, it wasn't even close," Simon said. "It's pretty amazing when you consider the all-time leading passer and all-time leading receiver are going in at the same time."

Also named in the players' category were running back Kelvin Anderson and linebacker Mike O'Shea while Stan Schwartz and Brian Towriss were selected as builders. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Anthony Calvillo, left, and Geroy Simon THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Canada ties Scotland in men's soccer friendly

Canada tied Scotland 1-1 Wednesday in a soccer friendly that will have done little to boost Scottish spirits before a key World Cup qualifier on the weekend.

At No. 67, Scotland is ranked 50 places higher than Canada, which had lost all five previous meetings between the two.

Former Vancouver Whitecap Fraser Aird scored for Canada.

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USA Hockey postpones women's training camp

USA Hockey has postponed the start of the women's national team's world championship training camp amid an ongoing wage dispute.

USA Hockey said the camp originally scheduled to begin Wednesday in Traverse City, Mich., won't happen. The organization "anticipates" a training camp in Plymouth, Mich., before the tournament begins March 31. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Side-licious Roasted Broccoli

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

We know, we know. We're trying to get you excited about your go-to side. But trust us, roasting broccoli brings out a crazy amount of flavour, with very little extra effort.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 head of broccoli, cut into not-too-small florets
- 4 Tbsp olive oil
- salt and pepper
- 1 tsp lemon zest
- 2 or 3 good squeezes of lemon juice
- 1/4 to 1/3 cup grated Parmesan

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.

2. Wash and dry the broccoli very well. Scatter on a baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle a good pinch of salt and pepper.

3. Pop in a hot oven for 20 to 25 minutes until the broccoli starts to char slightly at the edges

4. Remove from the oven and toss with lemon juice and zest. Transfer to your serving dish and cover with the grated cheese.
Blueberry Grunt

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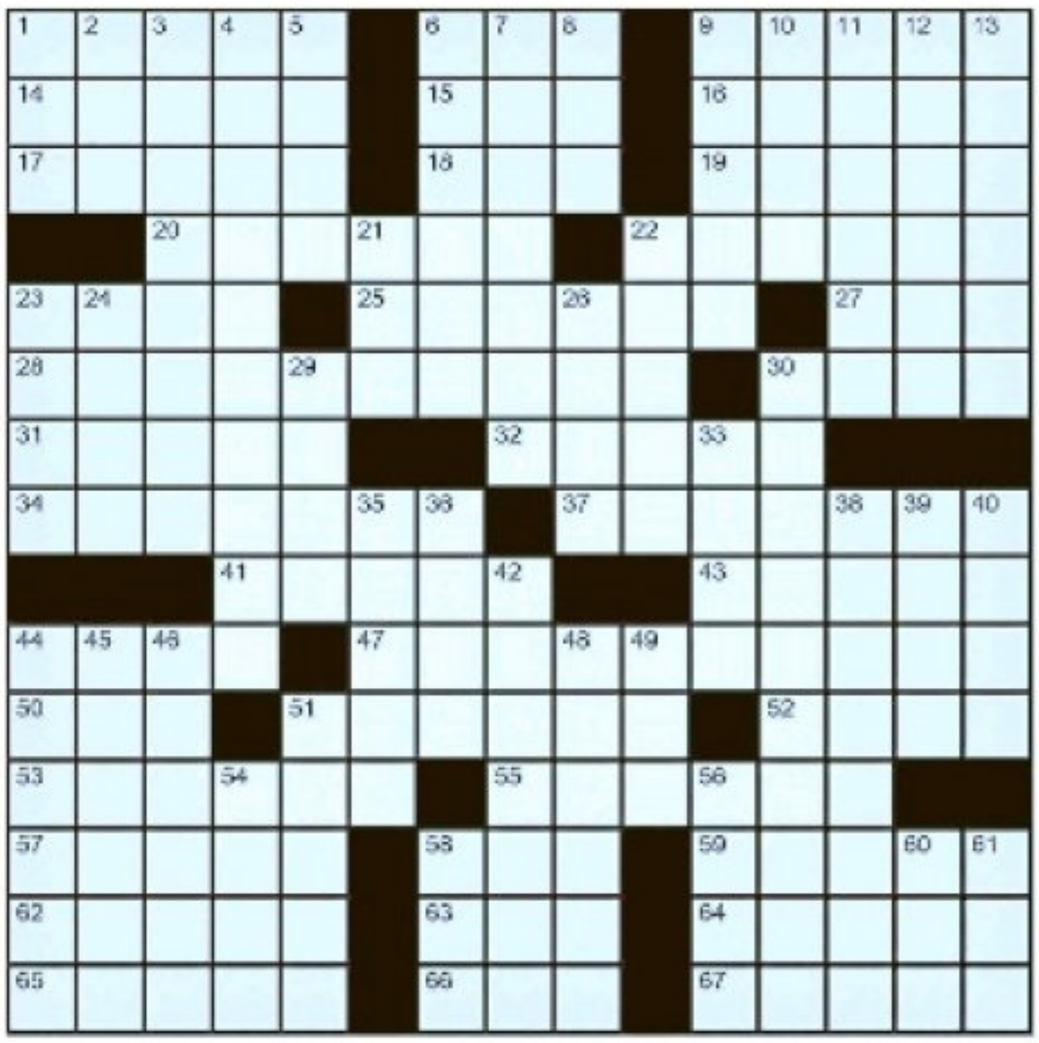

ACROSS
1. Occupationally overwhelm
6. 1995 album: 'A Boy Named __'
9. Gather up
14. Son on classic sitcom "My Three Sons"
15. "State __ Main" (2000)
16. Sacred choral piece
17. Greenish-blues
18. Y's Canadian spelled-out follower
19. Go in
20. Comic strip, For __ or For Worse
22. Doesn't really know
23. Entertainment production
25. Flourish
27. Modern
28. Pembina Valley community in Manitoba approximately two hours southwest of Winnipeg: 2 wds.
30. Some Smarties
31. Burning
32. Steven Seagal movie, "Under __" (1992)
34. Identifying stock exchange symbols
37. Bridge framework
41. French writer Mr. Zola (b.1840 - d.1902)
43. Ventilated
44. Awaken
47. Nunavut: Part of Baffin Island, __ Peninsula
50. Write
51. Spoken
52. Car race, __ 500
53. Pasta brand
55. Movie shoot dailies
57. "The Love Boat" bartender
58. Tunesmith Mr. Dylan
59. Not qualified
62. 'Four'-meaning prefix
63. Rap music's Kim
64. Cake's coating
65. Ranch animal
66. Tip to 'ment' (Factor)
67. Communicates via smartphone

DOWN
1. Jiffy
2. __ humour
3. Steroid sort
4. Excavating employee
5. Fruit fly, for one
6. Summerhome's shady shelter
7. Burdensome
8. Curious
9. Make better
10. Wee weekdays
11. Make harmonious
12. Prophetic-ized, say
13. Scatters
21. Aberdeen accessory
22. "Down __" by Men At Work
23. Squabble
24. R.E.M. album: 'New Adventures in __-__'
26. Police K-9 __
29. Overbrim
30. I-was-knocked-down-but-I-got-back-up quality
33. Equipment
35. __-__-Roni (Sidedish brand est. 1958)
36. Curved musical symbol
38. Fascinate
39. Loan
40. Bandleader/pianist biopic starring Tyrone Power, "The __ Duchin Story" (1956)
42. Tangle into the trouble
44. Chops the logs for firewood
45. Red Rose service: 2 wds.
46. Intrinsic
48. Showy trinket
49. "SCTV" cast member ...his initials-sharers
51. __ of Christ aka The Pope
54. Maintenance
56. 'Eight' in Edmonton
58. Wheat, in Saguenay
60. Savings acct. rate
61. '___ with Tracy Jordan', as on "30 Rock"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You might be obsessed with something today. Furthermore, you might demand that you get your way. Lighten up.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you have to do research today, you probably will be successful. You won't stop until you find what you're looking for. You'll be like a dog with a bone.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Conversations with friends and groups will be intense today, because people are purposeful and bossy. Avoid someone if he or she is coming on too strong.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Try to be tactful during conversations with bosses and parents today, because power struggles might take place. If people disagree, they quickly will begin to argue.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Do not try to coerce others into your way of thinking, especially about politics, religion or racial issues. However, this is a good day to study something, because you have focus.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Arguments about how to divide or share something today might arise. Arguments about shared responsibilities also might be a problem. Try to avoid these arguments.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone might try to force his or her point of view on you today, or vice versa. This doesn't promote a happy relationship, does it?

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Because you are obsessed with something today, you can tackle a routine job and get a lot done. You also might study and learn something new at work.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Romantic partners might have trouble today, because this is not an easygoing day. People want their own way and they're not prepared to compromise. Yikes.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Because you might be obsessed with something today, you actually can use this energy and get a lot of work done.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Avoid family debates today — they will accomplish nothing. However, if you roll up your sleeves, you can do some hard work at home, especially related to bathrooms, plumbing, garbage and recycling.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't come on too strong when talking to others today, because you are tempted to do that. Remember: You get more flies with honey than with vinegar.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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